GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ATOMIC ENERGY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5887
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URANIUM MINING
Vallabbhaneni Shri Balashowry

Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Uranium Corporation of India Limited is set to start mining in the West Khasi Hills soon; and

(b) if so, the details thereof

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER`S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN):
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(a) Yes, Sir. Uranium Corporation of India Limited proposes to start mining and milling project at West Khasi Hills Meghalaya, after all approvals and statutory clearances are obtained.

(b) Various pre-project activities have been initiated. The Environmental Impact Assessment and Environmental Management Plan report has been prepared. Site clearance from the Ministry of Environment & Forests has been obtained. The NOC from State Pollution Control Board is awaited. Application has been submitted to the Government of Meghalaya for grant of mining lease.